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LOBBYISTS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Earl Tilly, found three lobbyists and one Lobbyist Employer in violation of provisions of the Open Government Act during brief enforcement hearings held today in Olympia.

Tilly cited the lobbyists for late filing of the Lobbyist Monthly Expense Reports after each lobbyist had received a warning letter. A second letter with an offer to stipulate to a violation and pay a civil penalty in lieu of an enforcement hearing was also sent to each lobbyist prior to the formal hearing.

The Lobbyist Monthly Expense Report (PDC form L-2) is required to be filed by the 15th of the month covering activity in the preceding calendar month.

The following lobbyists were cited:

Scott Dibiasio, employed by the United States Attainable Housing Alliance, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file L-2 two reports and assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended.

Peter Hurley, employed by the Transportation Choices Coalition, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file two L-2 reports and assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended.

Julie Peterson, employed by the Washington Association of Housing and Services for the Aging, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file two L-2 reports and assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$100 suspended.

Tilly also found **The Northwest Association for Private Industry** in violation of state law for failure to timely file the annual Lobbyist Employer report (PDC form L-3) and he assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

“The reporting of lobbying activity has been part of state law for almost 30 years”, Tilly said. “Failure to file the required reports is inexcusable.”

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